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Please amend the Examiner's Answer to Appeal Brief mailed 12/22/2010 with the following:

In section (8) Evidence Relied Upon:

US 6,078,313 Sezaki et al. 06-2000

In section (9) Grounds of Rejection:

Claims 11 and 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over modified Allen as applied to claims 1 and 8 above in view of Sezaki et al. (US 6,078,313), hereinafter Sezaki.

Regarding claims 11 and 14, modified Allen teaches the system of claims 1 and 8 as described above. However, Allen does not explicitly teach a method where the scroll speed is increased if the scrolling is maintained. Sezaki teaches the following: the processor is arranged for, under control of the computer program, increasing the selected subrange at a faster rate than initially in response to the scrolling being maintained, (column 10, lines 35-40), i.e. the second period may be set longer than the first period, or the second period need not be a fixed period. For example, when the second period is set to gradually shorten, the scroll speed can be gradually increased with an increase in the elapse of click-on time.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have further modified the three dimensional scroll method of Allen with the gradual scroll speed increase of Sezaki. One of ordinary skill would have been motivated to have made such further modifications because all of Allen, Gilligan, and Sezaki are analogous art in the field of scrolling data.

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